

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. A new factory near Zvolen on the Hron in Slovakia started [REDACTED] to produce aluminum. Electric current for this factory is being bought from a new hydroelectric plant in the vicinity of Bratislava. 25X1A
2. Serviced by the same hydroelectric plant is the main tungsten electrolytic refining plant in Czechoslovakia. It is located in the area of Brezno nad Hronom and Kris pod Breznom (sic).<sup>1</sup>
3. The main electrolytic research installation for the Czech steel industry is the Pleskot works in Holebovice, Prague.<sup>2</sup> The plant has a 22,000 volt main line and a 600 kilowatt transformer. It is not believed that any tungsten is refined at this plant. 25X1C
4. [REDACTED], all of the eight electric furnaces at the steel plant in Kladno were out of order because they burned out as a result of overcharging. The furnaces will require repairs for at least four to six weeks, and 480 employees have been temporarily put out of work.<sup>4</sup>

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## Comments:

[REDACTED] This report may be identical with those of information on the same subject which may have been distributed through other channels.

1. Probably the Kovohuty Hron, National Enterprise, plant at Kris nad Hronom (Q49/C54)
2. Among several entries under the name Pleskot, the Prague Telephone Directory for 1952 lists Dr. Pleskot and Company, Industrial and Scientific Apparatus (Dr. Pleskot a spol., pristroje prumyslove a vedecke) at Podlipneho 9, Prague VIII.

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
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3. Presumably the United Steel Works, National Enterprise, (SONP).

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4.  Comment: Sabotage is suspected because the furnaces appeared to have been deliberately overcharged and the plant was occupied by police as soon as the damage had been discovered.

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